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SUBJECT: FONMIN ANDERSEN COMMENTS ON US/ DANISH RELATIONS

REF: COPENHAGEN 447, 477; 518

1. SUMMARY: FONMIN ANDERSEN TOLD ME MARCH 12 THAT HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE SECRETARY TO HAVE TALKS WITH THE DANISH GOVT FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF THE JUNE NATO MEETING HERE. ANDERSEN INDICATED THAT HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT THE US OFFICIALLY, BUT SAID HE WAS NOT " PUSHING" THE SUBJECT AT THIS TIME. END SUMMARY.

2. I SAT NEXT TO FONMIN ANDERSEN AT LUNCHEON MEETING OF AMERICAN CLUB OF COPENHAGEN TO WICH HE SPOKE MARCH 12. (GIST OF HIS REMARKS BEING FORWARDED SEPARATE MESSAGE.) ANDERSEN WAS CORDIAL, AS IS HIS WONT, AND INDICATED THAT HE WAS GLAD THAT DANISH/ AMERICAN RELATIONS SEEMED TO BE ON THE UPSWING. HE SAID THAT HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR SECY ROGERS, FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE NATO MEETING, TO REMAIN IN COPENHAGEN FOR AT LEAST PART OF SATURDAY, JUNE 16 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS.

THIS WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL . HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT SUCH TALKS SHOULD TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE NATO MEETING, BECAUSE CERTAIN ELEMENTS HERE WOULD THEN CHARGE THAT THE DANISH GOVT WAS TAKING

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ITS " INSTRUCTIONS" FROM THE AMERICANS. THIS WOULD NOT BE THE CASE IF THEY WERE HELD SUBSEQUENTLY. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DANISH GOVT WAS PLANNING A LOCAL EXCURSION ON JUNE 16 FOR THOSE WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE NATO MEETING, AND HE ASSUMED THAT THE SECY WOULD NOT WISH TO JOIN THAT GROUP. I ASKED IF AMB BARTELS WOULD BE RAISING THIS SUGGESTION FORMALLY IN WASHINGTON, AND ANDERSEN SAID THAT HE WOULD. I SAID I DID NOT KNOW WHAT THAT SECY ' S PLANS WERE, BUT THAT I WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF HE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO STAY OVER FOR A BILATERAL TALK.

3. THE FONMIN THEN TOLD ME THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD LIKE TO BE INVITED FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE US AT SOME TIME, BUT HE WAS NOT " PUSHING" THE SUBJECT NOW. IN ANY CASE, HE POINTED OUT, HIS CALENDAR IS FAIRLY FULL. HE IS TRYING NOW TO FIT IN VISITS TO LUXEMBOURG AND IRELAND, WHICH HE HAD CANCELLED IN RECENT WEEKS BECAUSE OF EXIGENT PROBLEMS HERE. HE WANTED TO GET THESE BEHIND HIM BEFORE HE TOOK OFF IN MAY FOR VISITS TO CHINA AND AUSTRALIA. HE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS INTEREST IN A VISIT WOULD NOT BE LOST SIGHT OF.
I SAID I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF HE COULD AT SOME TIME MAKE A VISIT OF THE TYPE HE DESIRED.

4. DURING OUR CONVERSATION THE FONMIN POINTEDLY REFERRED TO THE DANISH GOVT' S DECISION TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA. HE EXPLAINED IT IN THE SAME TERMS OLDENBURG HAD (COPENHAGEN 477), BUT EMPHASIZED EVEN MORE THE FACT THAT IN EC DISCUSSIONS, THE FRENCH HAD BEEN THE LEAST DISTURBED BY THE DANISH DECISIONS, THE FRENCH HAD BEEN THE LEAST DISTURBED BY THE DANISH DECISION.
IN FACT, ANDERSEN SAID, HE HAD OBTAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FRENCH HAD BEEN WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO TAKE THE LEAD AND THAT THEY WERE ANXIOUS TO REGULARIZE THEIR RELATIONS WITH PYONGYANG THEMSELVES. HE ALSO DIRECTED MY ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT IN A RECENT NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW, HE HAD STATED THAT THE USG HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE DANISH DECISION, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT INDICATED THAT THE USG HAD APPROVED THE DECISION.

5. COMMENT. I SEE THE FONMIN' S REMARKS AS A FURTHER INDICATION (AS WAS DANISH ACQUIESCENCE IN THE NAVOCFORMED VISIT TO BARCELONA - STATE 044 652) OF A DESIRE TO RAISE THEIR RELATIONS WITH US FROM THE NADIR WHICH THEY HAD REACHED AT THE END OF 1972. THERE ARE, FOR EXAMPLE, REPEATED REFERENCES TO THE
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DANISH DESIRE TO HAVE A NEW AMERICAN

AMBASSADOR IN COPENHAGEN (ANDERSEN IN AN INTERVIEW IN
INFORMATION MARCH 12: " I HOPE THAT THE US WILL SOON BE REPRESENTED AT THE AMBASSADOR LEVEL IN DENMARK."). FROM THE
POINT OF VIEW OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, AS WELL AS PERHAPS
VIS- A- VIS THE EC, I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE SECY COULD
SPARE SEVERAL HOURS ON JUNE 16 FOR CONVERSATIONS HERE.
I DO NOT THINK THERE IS ANY REASON TO HURRY WITH AN INVITATION
TO ANDERSEN TO VISIT THE US; THIS COULD WELL BE DEALT WITH IN THE
SECY' S DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM WHEN THEY MEET HERE IN JUNE . I
DO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAT IVOR
NORGAARD, MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, BE INVITED
TO VISIT WASHINGTON PRIOR TO ASSUMING HIS DUTIES AS CHAIRMAN
OF THE EC COUNCIL JULY 1 (COPENHAGEN 447). FROM COMMENTS
MADE TO US HERE, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE DANISH GOVT IS VERY ANXIOUS
TO HAVE NORGAARD MAKE THE TRIP, AND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE,
I HOPE HE CAN DO SO.
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